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FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE REGARDING RESOLUTION ON GUAM
PASSED BY UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE ON NOV. 14:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE GUAM RESOLUTION
APPROVED BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE UNGA ON
NOVEMBER 14?

A. IN OUR VIEW, THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS A CONSIDERABLE
IMPROVEMENT OVER PAST YEARS' RESOLUTIONS WHICH WE VOTED
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AGAINST BECAUSE THEY "DEPLORED" U.S. BASES ON GUAM.
LANGUAGE IN THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION SAYS THAT THE
PRESENCE OF U.S. BASES ON GUAM SHOULD NOT INHIBIT THE
RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. WE
ARE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS KIND OF LANGUAGE, SINCE IT IS
OUR VIEW THAT U.S. BASES DO NOT RPT DO NOT INTERFERE
WITH SELF-DETERMINATION. THE PEOPLE AND THE LEADERS

OF THE TERRITORY HAVE STATED THAT THEY WISH U.S. BASES TO REMAIN ON THE ISLAND AND THAT GUAM SHOULD REMAIN A U.S. TERRITORY.

Q. THE RESOLUTION IN ITS PREAMBLE STATES THAT THE POLICY OF MAINTAINING MILITARY BASES IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. WHY WAS THE U.S. WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THAT FORMULATION?

A. THE LANGUAGE IN QUESTION IS THE RESULT OF COMPROMISE AND IS THUS INTENTIONALLY AMBIGUOUS. AS U.S. DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR LEONARD, STATED FOLLOWING THE VOTE IN FOURTH COMMITTEE, OUR INTERPRETATION IS THAT THIS LANGUAGE REFERS GENERALLY TO BASES WHICH INHIBIT THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. SINCE IT IS OUR VIEW, SHARED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, THAT OUR BASES HAVE NO SUCH EFFECT ON GUAMIAN RIGHTS, WE WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION.

Q. DOESN'T THIS REPRESENT A CONCESSION TO CRITICS OF U.S. BASES?

A. ON THE CONTRARY, WE FEEL THAT THE MORE BALANCED LANGUAGE OF THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION REPRESENTS A RECOGNITION BY THE CRITICS OF U.S. BASES ON GUAM THAT

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THEIR VIEWS ARE NOT SHARED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Q. WHY DO WE ADMIT THAT GUAM IS "NON-SELF-GOVERNING"?

A. WE HAVE RECOGNIZED GUAM AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE APPLICABLE CHAPTER OF THE UN CHARTER SINCE 1946 AND WE COOPERATE WITH UN COMMITTEES LOOKING INTO THE SITUATION OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUAM HAS EVOLVED IN THE DIRECTION OF SELF-GOVERNMENT. THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE U.S. CITIZENS. THEY ELECT THEIR OWN GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE AND HAVE AN ELECTED DELEGATE IN THE CONGRESS. THE CHARTER DOES NOT DEFINE WHAT CONDITIONS MUST BE MET FOR TERRITORY TO BECOME SELF-GOVERNING, BUT GUAM CLEARLY NOW HAS MOST OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF SUCH STATUS.

(FYI: ATTACHED IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON GUAM APPROVED BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 14.)

BEGIN TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON "QUESTION OF GUAM" APPROVED
BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON
NOVEMBER 14:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

"HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF GUAM,

"HAVING EXAMINED THE RELEVANT CHAPTERS OF THE REPORT OF
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES,

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960,
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CONTAINING THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, AND ALL
OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
RELATING TO GUAM, IN PARTICULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESO-
LUTIONS 3429 (XXX) OF 8 DECEMBER 1975, 3481 (XXX) OF
11 DECEMBER 1975 AND 31/58 OF 1 DECEMBER 1976,

"CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS
THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT
TO GUAM,

"HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER,

"NOTING THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE ADMINISTERING POWER
CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF ITS MILITARY BASES IN THE
TERRITORY,

"CONSIDERING THAT THE POLICY OF MAINTAINING MILITARY
BASES AND INSTALLATIONS IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES,
WHICH INHIBIT THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES,
IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS,

"BEARING IN MIND THE CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED AS A
CONSEQUENCE OF PREVIOUS VISITING MISSIONS TO COLONIAL
TERRITORIES AND REITERATING ITS CONVICTION THAT THE
DISPATCH OF SUCH MISSIONS IS ESSENTIAL FOR SECURING
ADEQUATE AND FIRST-HAND INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE
CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THOSE TERRITORIES AND TO THE
VIEWS, WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES THEREIN WITH
RESPECT TO THEIR FUTURE STATUS,

"MINDFUL THAT GUAM REQUIRES THE CONTINUED ATTENTION AND
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ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ACHIEVEMENT BY

ITS PEOPLE OF THE OBJECTIVES EMBODIED IN THE CHARTER OF
THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN THE DECLARATION,

"AWARE OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL
LOCATION AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF GUAM AND STRESSING
THE NECESSITY OF DIVERSIFYING THE ECONOMY OF THE
TERRITORY AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, IN ORDER TO REDUCE
ITS DEPENDENCE ON FLUCTUATING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES,

"1. APPROVES THE CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMEN-
TATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES RELATING TO GUAM;

"2. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF
GUAM TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE DECLARATION CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 1514 (XV);

"3. REAFFIRMS ITS CONVICTION THAT QUESTIONS OF
TERRITORIAL SIZE, GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND LIMITED
RESOURCES SHOULD IN NO WAY DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRITORY CONCERNED;

"4. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER, IN CONSULTATION
WITH THE FREELY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE,
TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE
FULL AND SPEEDY ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE
DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO GUAM;

"5. EXPRESSES ITS STRONG VIEW THAT THE PRESENCE OF
UNITED STATES BASES ON GUAM SHOULD NOT INHIBIT THE PEOPLE
OF THE TERRITORY FROM EXERCISING FREELY THEIR RIGHT TO
SELF-DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1514
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(XV), AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

"6. CALLS UPON THE ADMINISTERING POWER TO TAKE ALL
POSSIBLE STEPS TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY OF THE TERRITORY
AND TO WORK OUT CONCRETE PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR GUAM;

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"7. REQUESTS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE DISPATCH OF SUCH A MISSION TO THE TERRITORY;

"8. URGES THE ADMINISTERING POWER, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, TO SAFEGUARD THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES BY TAKING EFFECTIVE MEASURES WHICH GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO OWN AND DISPOSE OF THOSE NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT;

"9. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTERING POWER TO CONTINUE TO ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN ACCELERATING PROGRESS IN ALL SECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LIFE OF GUAM;

"10. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK THE BEST WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO GUAM, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE DISPATCH OF A VISITING MISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTERING POWER, AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION." END TEXT
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